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A number of events this week will salute Veterans Day, which is Friday. The Nov. 11 holiday traces its roots to World War I's end — what the world hoped would be "the war to end all wars." The fighting ceased when the armistice between the Allies and Germany took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

» American Legion Post 1 will host a Veterans Day program in Omaha's Memorial Park at 11 a.m. Friday. Speakers will include Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, and Paula Muth, president of the local chapter of Gold Star Wives of America. Sen. Ben Nelson and Rep. Lee Terry will be among the dignitaries in attendance. Food will be available after the ceremony.